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Exhibit A includes a photograph showing the top view of a splash mat provided in a "Potty Training Starter Kit," sold by Kimberly-Clark Ltd. in the United Kingdom prior to the filing date of the present application under the tradename Huggies® Pull-Ups® Training Pants Potty Training Starter Kit. The actual splash mat represented in the photograph is in the possession of the undersigned attorney and is available for the Examiner's review upon request.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

A completed modified PTO-1449 form listing the documents to which the Examiner's attention is directed and copies of those documents are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

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The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-3862.

Respectfully submitted,

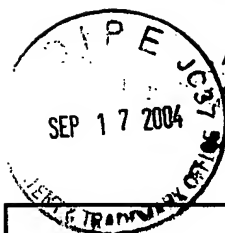
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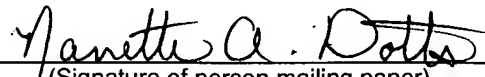
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